

New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Tuesday October 19, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30 p.m.

Present: George Mellor, Bill Wilson, Chris Blane, Mary Sue Record, and Maggie Komosinski
Also present were First Warden Kim Gaffett, Judy Tierney from the Block Island Times and Peter Wood.

Not Present: Chris Blansfield, Paul Deane, Pat Doyle and Becky Ballard

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. Public Input – none

Judy Tierney was thanked for her recent articles in the Block Island Times.

2. Approval of minutes from October 5, 2010

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by George Mellor and seconded by Bill Wilson.

Ayes 5 (Mellor, Wilson, Blane, Record and Komosinski)

Nays 0

Absent 4 (Blansfield, Deane, Doyle and Ballard)

3. Approval of minutes from Hunter Information Night

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Maggie Komosinski and seconded by George Mellor.

Ayes 5 (Mellor, Wilson, Blane, Record and Komosinski)

Nays 0

Absent 4 (Blansfield, Deane, Doyle and Ballard)

4. New Business

- Proposal for 2-man hunting teams. This was a proposal by Chris Blane to maximize the number of deer taken. It also included in the discussion a proposal to fund the hunter's deer tag purchases up front. (Reimbursements for deer tags).

A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Maggie Komosinski to investigate Chris's proposal and to appoint a subcommittee to work out some of the details.

Ayes 5 (Mellor, Wilson, Blane, Record and Komosinski)

Nays 0

Absent 4 (Blansfield, Deane, Doyle and Ballard)

The subcommittee will consist of Mary Sue Record and George Mellor.
There was a discussion about incentives for taking higher numbers of deer.
The subcommittee will look at this also.

- Discussion of form for neighbor permission.
After discussing Bill Wilson's proposed form a motion was made by Bill Wilson and seconded by Maggie Komosinski to ask the Town Council whether this kind of form would be effective with input from the Town Solicitor.

Ayes 1 (Wilson)

Nays 4 (Mellor, Komosinski, Blane and Record)

Absent (Blansfield, Deane, Ballard and Doyle)

The motion did not pass.

- Does DTF want to submit a question for BIRA/BI Times Candidate night?
The committee decided against this.
- Hunting FAQ
Maggie Komosinski passed around a draft of the FAQ she is preparing for the Hunting information book that will be kept in the vault workroom. She will continue working on the draft.

5. Old Business (Updates)

- Fish/Krause/Diuk-Wasser study – Bill Wilson reported that there was nothing to report.
- Medical Center's Report on Lyme's Disease – George Mellor and Bill Wilson will try to set up a meeting with Dr. Krause when he is out here for Lyme disease testing on Oct. 30.
- Deer reduction plan
BIC turned down the proposal for the Deer Task Force. A formal letter will be coming to explain their reasons.
TNC – Scott Comings will respond in writing.
Boy Scout Camp – no answer yet
Fish and Wildlife – Town is still waiting for a response. Kim Gaffett mentioned that she will have a draft of a management plan for Rodman's Hollow ready soon.

6. For next meeting's agenda:

Chris Blane, Chris Blansfield and Paul Deane will come up with a list of hunters for the Hunting Information Book.

Chris Blane mentioned that he had met with the Police Chief and the hunters checking in and checking out could be done. As far as enforcement goes, the Chief said if you break the law, you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. These items will be on the next agenda.

At 9:05 p.m. a motion was made by Chris Blane and seconded by Mary Sue Record to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan